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U.N. effort holds hope for Afghan peace talks

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25 (R) — United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is trying to arrange talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan, Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao has said. Rao told members of parliament at a seminar here Saturday that Afghanistan and Pakistan were willing to bold a dialogue as a result of India's efforts.

He did not elaborate on Waldheim's role in the talks. Last November, the U.N. General Assembly called for the appointment of a special emissary to promote a political solution to the Afghan crisis. But it was only early this month that Afghan President Babrak Karmal said his government was willing to negotiate with Pakistan and Iran in the presence of a U.N. representative.

Pakistan, which has refused to recognize the Soviet-backed Kabul government, formally asked Waldheim on Jan. 3 to name a special envoy for the talks. Rao said last week he hoped progress would be made before the Feb. 9-12 nonaligned foreign ministers' conference in New Delhi which Waldheim is likely to attend.

In another development, the Afghan embassy has asked the Indian government to seize the passports of two former Afghan diplomats, including a nephew of deposed President Hafizullah Amin, Afghan Ambassador Mohammad Hasan Sharq said.

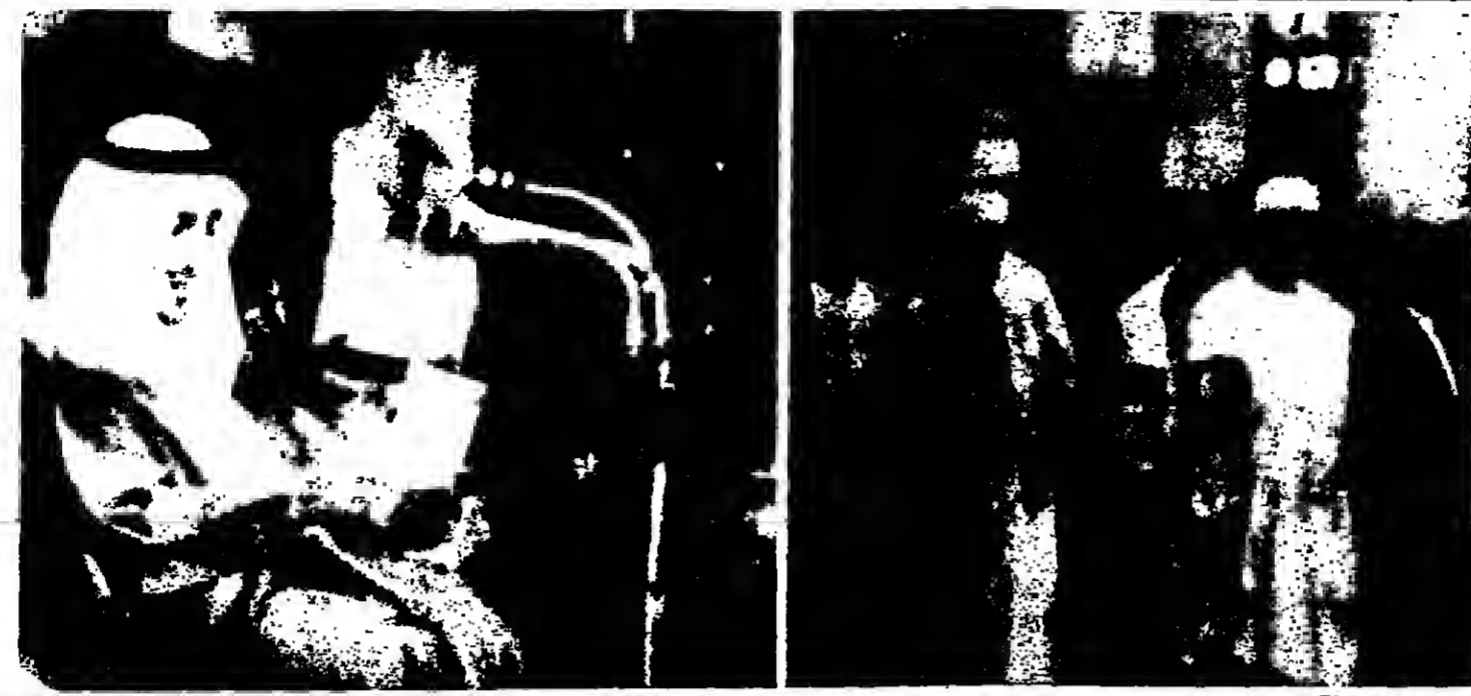
Sharq told reporters Saturday that Zalmai Amin — nephew of President Amin who was overthrown during the Soviet intervention in December 1979 — and Daoud Shah Afridi, both of whom have defected, "have been misusing their diplomatic passports since last February" when they were recalled by the Soviet-installed Babrak Karmal regime in Kabul.

Zalmai, commercial councillor, and Afridi, head of the consular section, reportedly are both members of the rival Khalq faction of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA).

The two "have refused to return to Kabul and have traveled to Bangkok, London and other places on the basis of their diplomatic passports."

"They stand dismissed. We have asked the Indian external affairs ministry (P.V. Narasimha Rao) to take away their passports," Sharq said. The ambassador charged that Afridi took away hundreds of blank Afghan passports "and other property of our government" in defecting and has since "deceived a large number of Afghan refugees here by issuing passports to them after taking fat bribes."

Afghanistan's Marxist government reportedly has clamped strict restrictions on issue of passports in an attempt to halt the flow of Afghans fleeing their homeland.



SUMMIT OPENING: King Khaled addressing the Muslim heads of state and declaring the third Islamic summit conference open. After the speeches, the leaders, (right), prayed and walked seven times around the Kaaba. The King prayed to the Almighty to help the Muslim leaders and their nations and appealed to the Muslim world to unite so that it may have the strength in unity to solve their problems.

Appeals for unity Khaled opens Islamic summit

MECCA, Jan. 25 — The largest assembly of Muslim heads of state and their deputies in the history of Islam was held here as 38 leaders gathered in Islam's holiest shrine, facing the Kaaba, the House of God. The men heard a speech by King Khaled appealing for Islamic solidarity and a strict adherence to the principles of their religion.

King Khaled read a brief statement announcing the opening of the three-day Third Islamic Summit Conference and pledging to strive for the triumph of Islam and the Muslims. He prayed to the Almighty to lead Islam and the Muslims to victory. He repeated the prayer three times as the leaders responded with Amen each time.

Crown Prince Fahd read out the main royal address from a pulpit next to the Kaaba, the cube-shaped structure built by Prophet Abraham on the order of God. He reaffirmed the importance of adopting Islamic principles, shunning foreign ideologies and super-power entanglements.

Prince Fahd said the most important issues facing the Muslims were the liberation of the holy city of Jerusalem, Palestine, the occupied Arab territories, all of which are under Israeli control, and the Muslim country of Afghanistan which was invaded and occupied by the Soviet Union. He said it was a blessing that the conference was opened inside the holy mosque. "The conference," he said "aims at the good of the Islamic nation, its uplifts, and the liberation of all its occupied lands."

He referred to the current Islamic awakening which he said may take different forms because of the varying societies in the Islamic world. "But its implication is the same which is the bankruptcy of other imported ideas or exported ideologies," he said. "It is based on the conviction that the problems facing the Islamic states will not be solved except by Islamic methods inspired by the Sharia and responsive to modern needs."

He made it clear that the new Islamic assertiveness was not aimed against anybody or any group but "it broke out to surmount backwardness which prevailed on Islamic world for a long time and left us victims of foreign intellectual, economic and military control." The Islamic awakening, he declared, was a good augury for a new society which provides to the Muslims the opportunity to realize a decent and dignified life and for humanity peace, security and progress.

With this in mind he said, the Muslim leaders are called upon to make a long and deep appraisal of the reasons which have weakened them and diagnose the problem and find the right treatment by pooling their efforts. "We realize that it is not easy to achieve all our ambitions," he said.

"It is not only the job of the political leadership but that of others, and every Muslim in fact should work together with the leaders, intellectuals and scholars, to mobilize all the resources and set up a supreme council for Islamic jurisprudence which will give them the answers and the means to face up to the challenges of the age on the basis of the Sharia."

Prince Fahd appealed to the member states to put an end to their differences because Islam is a religion of equality and justice and under its banner there should be no discrimination on the basis of color, language race or class. "If we bold on to our



Crown Prince Fahd addressing the leaders on behalf of King Khaled

At special conference British Labor party split after defeat

LONDON, Jan. 25 (R) — British Labor Party appeared set Sunday for a damaging right-left split after a resounding victory by the left wing at a special conference Saturday.

The conference decided to give the left-wing trade unions the biggest say in electing the party leader, moving several leading party right-wingers to the brink of quitting Labor to form a new social democratic party.

Former Labor Education Secretary Shirley Williams, a leading contender to head a new party, said in a radio interview: "I think we are almost inevitably on our way out."

Asked in the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) interview when the time would be, she said: "It is now." For the left, the conference decision was the biggest success to date in its battle with the right for control of the party. Previously, Labor members of parliament had the sole right to elect the leader.

The party's right believes that the leftward swing will alienate many middle-of-the-road voters and diminish the party's chance of returning to power. Labor has governed the country for 11 of the past 20 years.

Labor, deeply divided between its left and right, has swung sharply to the left in recent years. The annual Labor conference last autumn voted for unilateral nuclear disarmament, withdrawal from the European Common Market and widespread state take-overs of industry and banking.

Since then, speculation has grown that sev-

U.S. ships call on Egypt

CAIRO, Jan. 25 (AP) — Two Sixth Fleet vessels, a destroyer and a frigate, are on a four-day visit to the Egyptian port of Alexandria, officials reported.

The ships, USS John Rogers, a 7,300-ton destroyer and the W.S. Sims, a 3,900 frigate, docked into Alexandria Friday on a routine visit till Jan. 27 when they rejoin the Sixth Fleet stationed in the Mediterranean, an embassy spokesman said Saturday.

The vessels are the latest flagship to call on the Egyptian port since the United States announced its commitment in 1980 to defend the Middle East region. Three other flagship of the Sixth Fleet made similar visits in October. The John F. Kennedy, an 82,000-ton aircraft carrier, now operating in the Mediterranean, was one of them.

Earlier Saturday, U.S. defense sources said the powerful Soviet aircraft carrier, Kiev, has returned to the Mediterranean for the first time in about nine months. The warships had been operating in the Atlantic since April.

It was not immediately known whether it would remain in the Mediterranean or proceed to its home port on Russia's Black Sea coast.

Fed blamed for U.S. inflation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (R) — The Federal Reserve Board, the U.S. Central Bank, has been the chief cause of persistent American inflation since the mid-1960s, according to a congressional study released Sunday.

The study, prepared by the staff of a house committee on monetary policy, attributes the persistence of U.S. inflation — now running at an annual rate of more than 12 per cent — to growth in the American money supply, for which the Federal Reserve is responsible.

It concludes that while price increases by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have led to temporary surges of inflation, it is the board's failure to control M1B — a measure of money supply — which is responsible for sustained inflation.

"Persistent inflation, to paraphrase (poet) Edna St. Vincent Millay, is not due to one damned thing after another, but to the same thing over and over," the report concludes.

Mao's role withheld

PEKING, Jan. 25 (AFP) — Jiang Qing, fourth wife of the late Mao Tse-tung, was given Sunday a suspended death sentence for her part in the cultural revolution that rocked China in the late 1960's.

At the end of the showcase trial of 10 cultural revolution leaders, Chairman Mao's 67-year-old widow was given most of the blame for China's mishap during the cultural revolution. The sentence is suspended for two years, after which, according to her behavior, it could be carried out or commuted to jail for life.

Excerpts from the judgment published by the New China News Agency (NCNA), refrained from any mention of Chairman Mao's role in the cultural revolution — that bled China in the throes of civil war from 1966 to 1976. But, during the trial, the prosecution recognized that, as China's leader, the "great helmsman" was responsible for the Chinese people's suffering during the revolution, a movement he launched to avoid losing his grip on power.

A suspended death sentence was also handed down on another member of the Gang of Four — Zhang Chunqiao, 63, who unleashed the wrath of thousands of Red Guards of Jiang Qing's enemies. The other eight defendants were sent to jail for terms ranging from 16 years to life imprisonment. A third member of the gang, Wang Hongwen, was given life, while the last, Yao Wenyuan, was sentenced to 20 years' jail.

The judgment held that Jiang Qing "bore direct or indirect responsibility for all the offences committed during the decade of the turmoil by the revolutionary cliques she organized and led." She was also held guilty of "endangering the People's Republic of China, working to overthrow the government and terrorizing the people."

"The crimes committed by Jiang Qing caused particularly grave harm to the state and the people," said the judgment, delivered at the court's final session by its president Jiang Hua, who also chairs the supreme court. Jiang Qing, the onetime Shanghai



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actress who became Mao's fourth wife in 1938, remained defiant to the end.

She wore a jet-black wig, spectacles and faded black "Mao" jacket with a sweater. Hard of hearing, she listened to the proceedings through an earphone. The other defendants stood stoically as their sentences were read. They neither wept nor protested.

As the death sentence was read, the hand-picked audience of 800 broke into thunderous cheers and applause. As the penalty was pronounced, two bailiffs slapped handcuffs on her wrists.

Jiang Qing unleashed a torrent of revolutionary slogans, proclaiming her innocence and vilifying the court. Chinese sources present said, "It is right to rebel." "Making revolution is no crime," they quoted her as shouting. "Down with the revisionists led by Party Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping," she cried.

As the other sentences were read, Jiang Qing railed at the court and threw the proceedings into an uproar for the third time since her trial began Nov. 29. Chief Judge Jiang Hua ordered her removed.

Jiang Qing resisted and tried to lie on the floor, sources said. Bailiffs caught her, however, and two women and a male bailiff dragged her out in a tumultuous last act, sources said.

Millions of Chinese television viewers watched 15 minutes of film of the sentencing. They saw Jiang Qing struggle as she was handcuffed and watched a brief scuffle as she was rushed out. She began to shout but the sound was cut off.

The news agency said the judgment ran into 14,000 words. The trial first started on Nov. 20 last year and the defendants cannot appeal against their sentence. The 10 accused were the four members of the Gang of Four, Mao's former political secretary Chen Boda and five generals — Huang Wongshe, Jiang Tengjiao, Wu Faxian, Li Zuopeng and Qiu Huizuo.

NCNA added that more than 60,000 Communist Party members attended the trial during its 42 sessions.

Jiang given suspended death sentence

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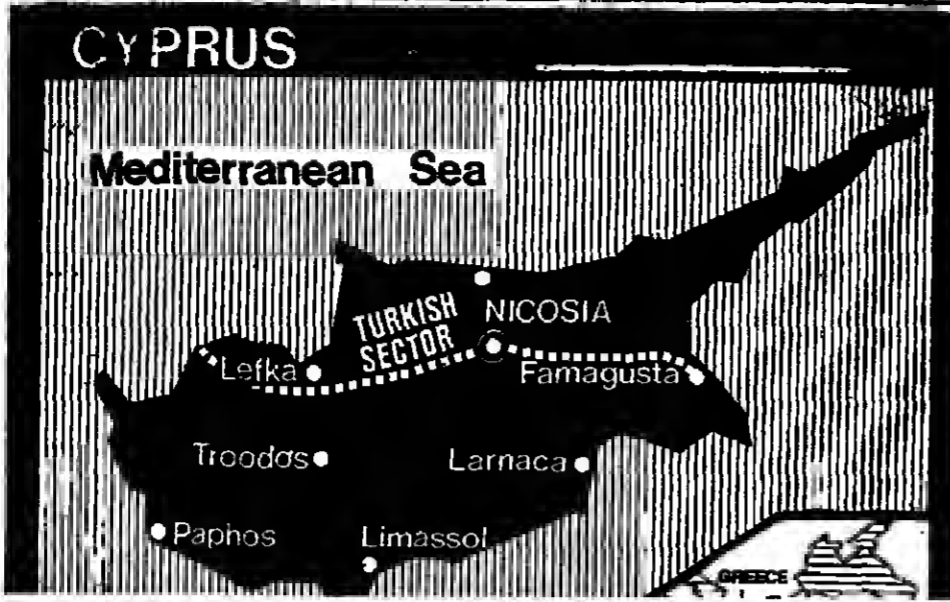
Turkish Cypriots pin hopes on summit

By a Staff Writer
TAIF, Jan. 25 — A delegation from Turkish Cyprus is one of several Muslim minorities pinning hopes on this week's third Islamic summit for political and financial support.

According to Kenan Atakol, minister of foreign affairs defense and tourism for the Turkish Federated State of Kibris on Cyprus, said the 150,000 Turks on the divided island are hoping for \$30 million to finance development and provide a balance for international aid the Greeks have received. He added that the 450,000 Greeks of the southern part of the island received funds as the island's recognized government. The World Bank is helping seven islands in the south, but none in the north where money is especially needed for an airport, aquifer and well to water its major citrus exports, he said.

But bank officials told Atakol his unrecognized government is ineligible for funds, though the wealth gap between the north and south is growing. Atakol insists that the island's north sector has developed full independent democratic institutions since Turkey sent troops during June 1974 to take over a third of the island for the Turks who had earlier been distributed throughout the now-divided island. Approximately 20,000 Turkish troops remain on the island, with an equal number of mainland Greeks in the South. If it were not for Turkey, "there would be no Turks left in Cyprus," he said.

The Cyprus question was on the agenda for the Islamic foreign ministers last week, but was not discussed out of deference to ongoing U.N.-backed intercommunity talks in the Ledra palace in Nicosia's neutral "greenland." Atakol said he hoped for similar silence at other international meetings like the Non-Aligned Movement, the British Commonwealth and the U.N., otherwise he hopes other Islamic government's will represent the Turkish Cypriot viewpoint to counter-



THE DIVIDED island of Cyprus

balance Greek-Cypriot claims. Weekly peace talks since September, 1980, in Ledra palace are focusing on four major points, Atakol said. They are Greek demands for the return of Varosha city — evacuated during the 1974 fighting, practical measures to bring the two communities economically, the Cyprus constitution of the island's territory between the two sides.

The dialogue's starting point is an agreement on the "bizonal solution" which calls for federation of the two communities under one state. "One has to be optimistic," Atakol says. He added that the Greeks seem not even to have accepted the premises. The island's recent history is bitter with claims and counter-claims of atrocities and mass slaughter, though Atakol insists the Greek Cypriots produce no example of villages devastated by

the Turks, a major claim by that country. Britain withdrew from Cyprus in 1960, leaving a constitution protecting the minority's rights with a share of government and parliament, municipal, religious and educational autonomy and a Turkish vice president with veto powers. However, since 1963, these rights and the equality they reflect were eroded progressively by the majority. Atakol said. The majority attempted to amend the constitution with an abuse of central authority through the illegal terrorist group of Eoka, he added. Five days after the 1974 Cypriot coup, Turkey entered the north and saved the minority from imminent destruction guarantor — to help, Atakol said.

"We want to have equal rights in Cyprus, our basic human rights," he added.

COMMENT

By Nasser Abdullah Al-Humaidhi / Al-Jazirah

Health care had covered almost every town, village and bedouin settlement in Saudi Arabia. In order that enormous efforts in this direction bear the desired result, there ought to be an increasing consciousness among the public about medical services provided them by the state. There must be great concern for health and people must not include toward

treatment as much as toward prevention from disease.

This, however, cannot be achieved easily just through the efforts of the Ministry of Health; each and every organization would be called upon to contribute toward the realization of this objective.

The question may arise whether there is any means to increase health consciousness more than its present level? In this connection, I would like to point out that health brochures are invariably placed in every clinic to help visitors understand the directions for the use of medicines. They alert patients on the exchange of medicines and taking medicines for patients who have not actually visited the clinic. The people, in fact, need to be educated on these points so they can really benefit from drugs lying around houses without any proper use.

Some people may have a tendency to think that free medicines are less effective and, therefore, sometime request the hospital to allow him to buy medicines from outside. Although such people might call themselves educated, still they need to be broadly conscious on these matters.

Agriculture ministry awards licenses

SR68 million for farms

RIYADH, Jan. 25 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh granted licenses Sunday for three poultry farms in Kharij and six agricultural projects for producing vegetables with a total cost of SR68.49 million.

The projects include an SR11.3 million farm to be located in Kharij, Iyyun Road, on an area of 100 donum. The farms will produce 3.9 million chickens annually. The second poultry farm costs SR5.9 million and will have a capacity of 17.9 million eggs annually. It will be located in an area of 90 donums on Riyadh to Kharij road.

The third farm will produce 540,000 chickens per annum and costs SR11.3 million. The farm will be built in an area of 100 donums.

The minister also approved the establishment of six projects for producing vegetables by building greenhouses. The projects will be located in Qasim, Jeddah and Tabuk.

Two greenhouses, to be built in Ribaya, Qasim, will produce 700 tons of vegetables annually. A third project in Unaza will operate with an annual capacity of 193 tons. Two other projects, to be built in Khulais, Tabuk, will turn out 2,100 tons of vegetables per annum.

SAMA releases bank position list

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 25 — The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) issued a list showing the consolidated position of commercial banks operating in the Kingdom.

The details of assets and liabilities as of the month of Dhul Hijja, 1400 H, corresponding to Nov. 8, 1980, were given as follows:

Assets:	Saudi Riyals (in millions)
1. Cash at treasury and SAMA	12,595.0
2. Balance with banks in foreign countries	20,434.5
3. Balance with banks in the Kingdom	—
4. Loans and credits	34,891.9
5. Investments	2,024.5
6. Others assets	3,243.0
7. Regular accounts	60,614.9
Total	133,803.8
Liabilities:	Saudi Riyals (in millions)
1. Capital and Reserve	4,128.5
2. Balance of foreign banks (credits)	3,972.3
3. Balance of banks in the Kingdom (credits)	732.9
4. Current deposits and time savings	45,387.6
5. Other deposits	7,333.5
6. Other liabilities	11,634.1
7. Regular accounts	60,614.9
Total	133,803.8

announced Sunday that the total amount of loans issues in the Hasa Region reached SR14.5 million granted to 174 debtors.

Ahmad Al-Hussain, director of the Bank's Hofuf branch, said 120 loans were medium-term amounting to SR14.1 million. The remaining 54 short-term loans totaled SR400,000, he said. The bank also has provided financial assistance to farmers, poultry-farm owners, fisherman, cattle raisers and those who rent out agricultural machinery that totaled to SR4 million, Hussain added.

Financial assistance has also been granted for producing vegetables by building green-

houses in Hassa. The greenhouses, expected to produce 600 tons of vegetables, received SR3.4 million assistance, he said. These loans, granted in the month of December, 1980, do not include SR60,750, Hussain said.

In addition, the bank helped in importing 29 irrigation machines, 27 pumping engines, nine bulldozers and 14 ploughers during the same month. The bank also contributed in securing 10,000 trans-plants, 865 truck loads of fertilizers, 70 heads of sheep, 58 cows and 270 tons of fodder for poultry farms.

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In gathering of Islamic nations

Optimism expressed by leaders

TAIF, Jan. 25 (SPA) — As the summit... 800 million Muslims — opened Sunday afternoon the summit by the attendance of observers from international bodies like the United Nations.



Ali Abdullah Saleh

"The Palestinian question requires intense, hard and long efforts... a policy unto which all resources and influence is mobilized to force the Zionist enemy to abandon its arrogance and stubbornness. The enemy's policy was caused by the Islamic community's own weak stand."

ing the Islamic path. Tunisian Premier Muhammad Mezali hailed the results of the Islamic foreign ministers' conference and described the resolutions and recommendations as positive and effective.

Mezali also praised the works of the Jerusalem Committee under the leadership of King Hassan of Morocco. He expressed hope that the effort and work of the committee would be more developed by the summit conference so that it provides a strong impact the future.

He called for treating the Jerusalem issue and supporting the Palestine Liberation Organization including the liberation of



Siad Barre

Jerusalem and drawing up the objectives of the Islamic community for establishing an independent Palestinian state.

The Palestinian question requires intense, hard and long efforts. He urged for adoption of a realistic policy far from differences and senility, a policy unto which all resources and influence is mobilized to force the Zionist enemy to abandon its arrogance and stubbornness.

Mezali called for keeping the Middle East away from the superpower struggle which bears negative results. About the Afghan problem, he said the ideal solution would be the withdrawal of Soviet troops from that country and leave the Afghan people to choose a government and policy they want.

Somali President Siad Barre said that his country is looking forward to the results of the third Islamic summit. The Islamic community is on the verge of a crucial turning point in confronting conflicting challenges, the president said. He called for joint and intensive efforts by the Islamic community to overcome the difficulties and problems that cross its path.

The world should not be surprised about this historic meeting, because the Islamic community should remain intact and consult continuously on the causes that concern it, the Somali president said.

More cooperation needed, Ali says

IDB assistance increases

DAMMAM, Jan. 25 (SPA) — President of Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali, said he is optimistic that the Islamic summit conference would greatly influence the future of the Islamic nation.

In an interview published in Al Yom Sunday, Dr. Ali said the IDB would play a big role in the field of economic and financial cooperation in the light of the outcome of the summit. He expressed the confidence that any cooperation among the Islamic states would give them strength in confronting the industrialized nations in their domination of world economy and trade.

In regard to the proposal of an Islamic Common Market, the IDB chief stressed the need for reinforcing cooperation among the Islamic states so they are able to take any forward step toward a larger degree of integration.

Dr. Ali said the bank had allocated funds for Muslim communities affected by sudden calamities, and added that it has also tendered services to Muslim refugees, such as opening a hospital in South Sudan for refugees from the southern region of Uganda. The bank is also active in assisting the Afghan refugees in Pakistan, Muslim refugees in Ogaden and the Muslims of Cambodia, he said.

Dr. Ali added that the bank attached great importance to the states on the African coast. It has already financed a number of agricultural projects in Niger, and has given assistance in the import of a large quantity of fertilizers and chemical materials.



Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali

In regard to other countries, he said, the IDB is financing some of their projects, but presently there is no program to cope with drought now dominating most African countries. He added that, by giving preference to these states, the bank would play a positive role in all committee meetings, in full cooperation with the General Secretariat and with the help of documents of economic and financial significance.

Particularly in regard to Afghanistan, the U.N. General Assembly has studied the proposed solutions to the problem with care, Dr. Waldheim said. He will meet Pakistani President Zia ul Haq and Foreign Minister Asif Ali Zardari to discuss the proposals. The secretary general expressed hope that



Kurt Waldheim

these contacts may pave the way for a political solution to the Afghan crisis. He hailed the Islamic community's role in supporting U.N. efforts to resolve international problems.

Meanwhile, North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh expressed his confidence that the third Islamic summit will be a major turning point for Muslims and will help in boosting close political, economic and cultural relations among Islamic countries.

The president said the conference will reinforce cooperation among Islamic countries so that they play an important and distinguished role on the international scene. The summit also will outline the best methods for regaining Jerusalem and other Islamic holy places, restore the rights of the Palestinian people including creation their own independent state and protecting Islamic countries against foreign intervention.

The summit gains extra importance because it comes in the advent of the 15th century Hijra and provides a good opportunity to discuss the affairs of Muslims. The leaders will also have the chance of consulting on ways that best ensure cooperation, solidarity and in finding solutions to the problems threatening the solidarity, power and aspirations of the Islamic community.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh hailed Saudi Arabia, led by King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, for its attention and care and said that it is with the efforts of the Kingdom that a splendid and prosperous era is enlightening.



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U.S. clears way for Somalia's aid

NAIROBI, Jan. 25 (WP) — The U.S. State Department has cleared the way for a controversial military aid package for Somalia, first proposed by the Carter administration and urged as part of a generally expanded American role in the Horn of Africa by advisers to President Ronald Reagan, by determining that no Somali troops are fighting in Ethiopia's contested Ogaden region, U.S. officials here said.

The determination, of which Congress already has been informed, clears the congressional restriction on a \$40 million package of military supplies to be exchanged for U.S. military use of Somali facilities. The military supplies seem likely to trigger complaints by Somalia's hostile neighbors, Kenya and Ethiopia, and involve the United States in the intractable dispute in the Horn of Africa. The State Department assessment on which the supplies depend was reached in the last days of the Carter administration and has yet to be made public.

The State Department determination was disclosed recently by Rep. Clarence Long, D-Md., during a tour of Africa. Long, chairman of a house subcommittee dealing with foreign aid, said the department outitted him shortly before he left on the trip two weeks ago. The American embassy here, which apparently first learned of the move from Long during a brief visit, confirmed the action.

The sensitivity of the move was emphasized last week when the Somali Foreign Ministry charged that Ethiopia has stationed 100,000 troops, supported by Soviet and Cuban advisers, along the border and plans to invade northern Somalia to capture the strategic port of Berbera on the Gulf of Aden.

American military use of the Berbera airport and harbor is the key reason for the controversial agreement to provide Somalia with arms. The installations, originally built by the Soviets before they switched their support to Ethiopia in 1977, are to be used by the newly developed Rapid Deployment Force to beef up U.S. military presence in the Indian Ocean following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Although Somalia and Ethiopia have frequently made exaggerated claims during their decades-old feud over the Ogaden, any Ethiopian move across the border even in the guise of supporting dissident Somali elements, could present Reagan with an immediate crisis in Africa.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, visiting Somalia earlier this month, spoke of an Ethiopian "threat" to Somalia from Soviet "expansionism" and said the new administration "believes that expansionism must be checked." Technically, Kissinger's visit was billed as private, but it would be hard to persuade officials in the volatile Horn of Africa that he was not

speaking for Reagan.

The U.S. government signed the arms-for-facilities agreement with Somalia last August, but no military hardware has been provided because Congress stipulated that the State Department first had to give "verified assurance" that there were no Somali troops in the mainly barren Ogaden area, which is about the size of New Mexico.

As late as last month, American diplomats clearly still felt there were Somali troops in the area despite the country's claims that the fighting was being carried out by the Western Somali Liberation Front, a freedom fighter organization supported by Somalia.

At the conclusion of a meeting last month, Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi and Marxist Ethiopian leader Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam sharply attacked what they claimed were Somalia's territorial ambitions. Both nations, which have large ethnic Somali populations, have been involved in wars with Somalia over its demand for self-determination for all Somali-speaking people.

Ethiopia, a close ally of the United States until the overthrow of Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974, has received about \$1.5 billion in Soviet arms in the last three years and is supported by about 13,000 Cuban troops. Kenya is a major recipient of U.S. aid in Africa, but in this case concerns about territory outweigh ideological affinities.

Zia hopes for better ties with America

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 25 (AP) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq has said in a message to U.S. President Ronald Reagan that he hoped to see U.S.-Pakistani ties improved during Reagan's term in office. "I look forward to the further strengthening of these relations during your presidency," said Zia, according to a text of the message released by the government Saturday.

"I am confident that as the leader of a great nation you would make a positive contribution to the efforts of the international community towards the evolution of a world order based on justice, peace and the right of all peoples to progress and prosperity," he added.

Officials of Zia's regime are hopeful that the new Republican administration will be generous to Pakistan in terms of defense assistance. A year ago, Zia rejected an American-proposed aid package totaling \$400 million, which he termed "peanuts."

Former President Jimmy Carter cut off development assistance in April 1979, citing reports that Pakistan was pursuing nuclear arms capability. However, Carter offered both economic and military aid following the Dec. 1979 Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Jews set up new settlement on West Bank

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25 (R) — About 300 Jews set up an illegal tent settlement Sunday on a hill 10 kilometers north of Jerusalem on the Israeli-occupied West Bank, a spokesman for the group said. They intended to build a permanent settlement there, he added.

Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zippori was quoted by the *Yediot Aharonot* newspaper as saying he would recommend that the army eject the settlers if they refused to leave. "The settlement of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) is done only according to government decisions and not through pressure by settlers," he said.

Israeli troops surrounded the site but have not so far interfered with the settlers. Four months ago, the same group pitched tents on the hillside. A few hours later, Zippori persuaded them to leave.

The group's spokesman said that Zippori promised that a settlement could be built on the site but nothing had been done since then.

A defense ministry spokesman said the settlers were squatting on state not privately-owned land.



Gen. Zia ul-Haq

France may build Morocco N-plant

RABAT, Jan. 25 (R) — France will study the feasibility of building a nuclear power station in Morocco, a joint communique issued at the end of a four-day official visit by French Prime Minister Raymond Barre said. "The Moroccan authorities expressed their desire to develop cooperation in this (hydrocarbon and new energy) field and to this end they have decided to entrust to France the study of a nuclear power station," the communique said.

It said France would also consider taking part in a \$5 billion development program for Morocco's phosphate industry, the mainstay of its economy. Informed sources said the program included the building of a plant to extract uranium from phosphates.

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Benjedid confers with Dom Mintoff

VALLETTA, Malta, Jan. 25 (AP) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid has conferred with Premier Dom Mintoff on the current situation in the Mediterranean. A joint communique issued Saturday after the talks said the two leaders had "fruitful discussions." Algeria is one of the North African countries from which Mintoff's Socialist government has been seeking political support for its declaration of neutrality.

The statement said Benjedid reaffirmed Algeria's support for Malta's status of obligated neutrality. The two leaders exchanged information "concerning the initiatives the two governments had agreed to undertake on the subject with neighboring Mediterranean states."

Reporting on his visit to Algeria last month, Mintoff told parliament here last Wednesday that "Algeria is still prepared to



President Chadli Benjedid

cooperate fully with Malta militarily and politically to strengthen Malta's status." Last September, Italy undertook to guarantee the island's neutrality, but the agreement is yet to be ratified by the Italian parliament.

BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Two Israeli youths were injured by a firebomb thrown near the Damascus gate in Jerusalem's old city, Israel radio reported Saturday. Police immediately launched a search for the throwers of the bomb, but no arrests were reported.

CAIRO, (AP) — Britain has given Egypt a \$240 million loan for 1981 "on easy repayment terms," Deputy Prime Minister for financial and economic affairs Abdul Razzak Abdul Meguid announced Sunday.

VIENNA, (AP) — Israel's Labor Party leader Shimon Peres met with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky Saturday in an unannounced visit here, sources said Sunday.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — A 10-man delegation of Egyptian parliamentarians left Israel Sunday after a week's visit, and said they were convinced that peace between Israel and Egypt had become a "reality."

CAIRO, (AP) — Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo has arrived here on a two-day official visit for talks with President Anwar Sadat and other Egyptian officials. Colombo was quoted by the Middle East News Agency Saturday as telling reporters that his talks with Egyptian officials would deal with a projected role for the European Common Market in the search for peace in the Middle East.

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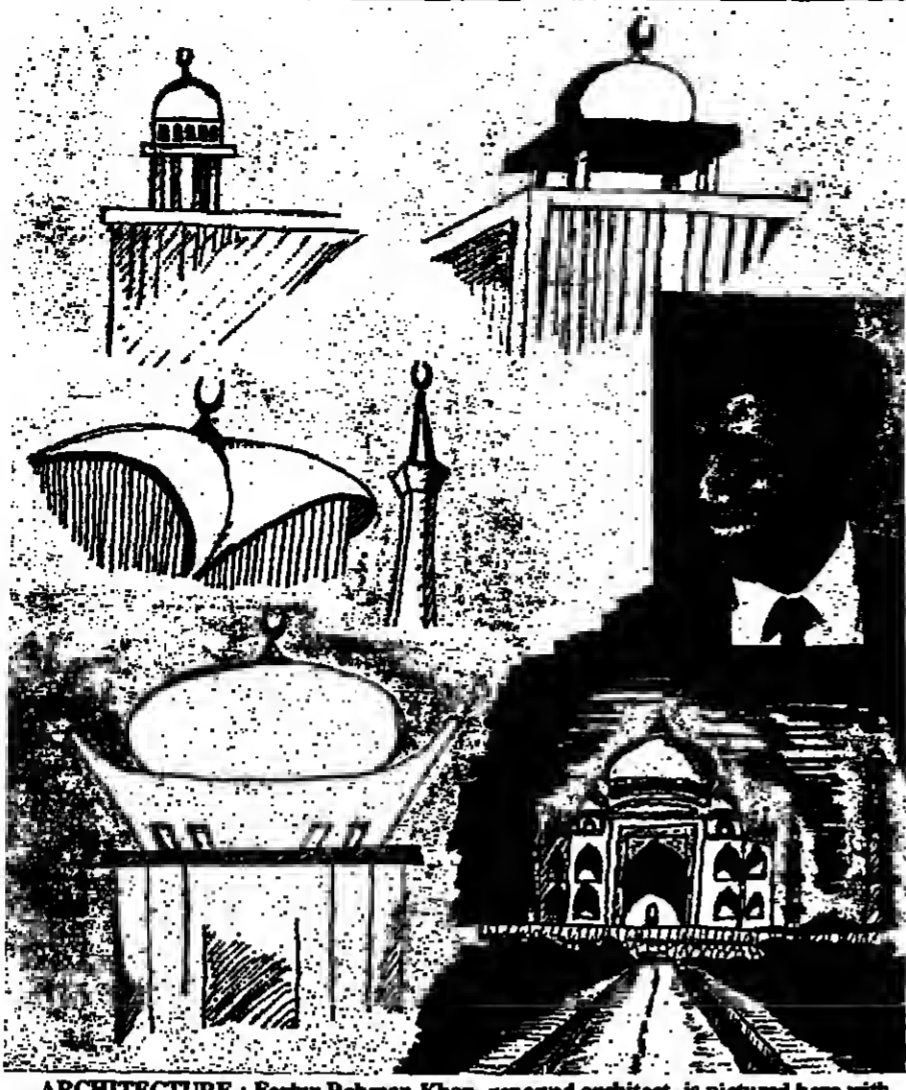
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Architectures in Islamic influence

By Jean Grant

SAHRAN — What do a bull ring in the old homesteads in Lima, Peru, and a tower in Palermo, Sicily, have in common? According to Fazlur Rahman Khan, one of the world's famous architects, these far-flung buildings were all influenced by the Golden Age of Islamic architecture, from the 7th to the 14th centuries. The arches in both bull ring and cloister, and the masrabiyyah on the balconies were inspired, according to Khan, by Islamic craftsmen who travelled to Spain, thence to its colonies in the New World, and northward through Europe. People reject Khan's views, but his audience of architects and architects at a recent public lecture at the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran was more receptive. Khan is the designer of the Sears Tower in Chicago, the world's tallest building in 1973. In 1972, he was selected by the United States trucking industry as its 'Man of the Year'. In the Kingdom, he has designed the Terminal for the New Jeddah International Airport, the Mecca campus of King Abdul Aziz University, and the National Commercial Bank in Jeddah. The university is modeled on the traditional madrasah, the bank is inward-looking, the courtyard its focus, while the Hajj Terminal combines the tent with high technology to provide more comfort for pilgrims. Though Khan's primary field of expertise is structural engineering, he is an advisor to the Harvard Studies Program on Islamic Architecture.

The great contribution of Islamic architecture," he told his Dhahran audience, "is to make man look inward." The pre-Islamic monuments of the region were just massive, grand, outward celebrations. The buildings of early Islam, on the other hand, the outside is unimpressive. Structures were built for use rather than for show. A dominant feature of early Islamic



ARCHITECTURE: Fazlur Rahman Khan, renowned architect, is pictured here with sketches of East Asian mosques which were influenced by Islamic architecture. The sketches are by Amin Zirki.

architecture was its concern for privacy. This and the hot dry weather with cool nights in the Arab world led to the courtyard. In Dhahran, for instance, even the mud building had its own courtyard. Masrabiyyah lattice work also satisfied the desire for privacy of the women of the household. And when Islamic architecture traveled abroad it took along with it the idea of privacy. In Peru the functional aspect of privacy was so disregarded that one masrabiyyah was set directly facing another. Early Muslim architects were renowned for their sensitive use of water. Where water was less scarce, as in Spain, the Moors still

used it in a quiet rather than a gushing way. The flat piece of water was typical; fountains were simple jets rather than extravagant sculptures. "Architectural forms," said Khan, "have been influenced as much by craftsmen as by architects." It is the itinerant artisan that he credits with the expansion westward and northward of the principles of Islamic architecture. A medieval tapestry in Siena, Italy, showing a turbaned man supervising craftsmen supports his view. Architecture is a blend of art, technology and local conditions, including the weather. As Islam spread to the Far East, the courtyard was abandoned. It was unsuitable in the muggy climate which saw little difference in temperature of day and night. There remained, nonetheless, a need for some kind of Islamic identification. The dome became a dominant symbol of Islamic identity in the Far East. "The dome, per se," said Khan, "is not important. It is the space created by the enclosure that is important. One should not think that one or the other form is the absolute. Islam didn't latch on to any one form." This tolerance for a variety of forms is illustrated by the diversity of domes in the Far East. In the waterfront villages of Malaysia, the dome is often a solid mass set on top of the mosque as a decorative appendage totally without structural function. In Seoul, a mosque dome resembles a ball set on a fulcrum. In Singapore, the onion-shaped dome rests on a Chinese-style roof. Khan reflected that the minaret likewise might have a strictly mechanical character, becoming totally symbolic when no one climbs up it, after loudspeakers replace the muezzin. In Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, a minaret had taken on the character of a spaceship, losing its sense of tranquility. "We are facing the problem today," concluded Khan, "of what to do with our symbols." His aim is not merely to copy the forms of the past, but to remain true to its spirit while using the benefits of high technology.

Resembling Red China to study quakes

By George Alexander

SAN FRANCISCO — American and Chinese scientists have agreed to participate in a joint earthquake research program — with the United States providing the Communist and modern seismological instruments and Chinese providing both the earthquakes and the recorded data from those instruments.

There is, of course, no guarantee that even strong shock will occur in China during the 10 years that the instruments are expected to operate there. But the Peking-Tianjing region of North China, selected for installation of the equipment, has a long history of vigorous seismic activity.

The devastating Tangshan earthquake occurred in this 400-500-mile-long stretch in 1976, killing several hundred thousand people and five other strong shocks, registering between 6.2 and 7.4 on the Richter Scale, hit different parts of the region since 1966.

Over a roughly comparable area of south-central California during the same period, were three Magnitude-6 earthquakes or greater: Parkfield, 1966, San Fernando, 1971, and Imperial Valley, 1979.

The Chinese would be expected to concentrate the American instruments in an area suspected of imminent danger to yield a wealth of data about what actually happens just before, during and after a powerful tremor. That information then might be applied to California earthquake faults and help American scientists anticipate their rupturing.

The instruments are called "strong-ground-motion" devices, because they are designed to measure the heavy shaking of an earthquake. If placed near the epicenters of shocks — something that has been rarely achieved in the past — the instruments can yield a great deal of useful information about the ways energies are released in an earthquake and how those energies propagate through the earth.

About 40 to 45 instruments, of several different types, will be purchased under a \$350,000 grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation and installed, over the next two years, in the Peking-Tianjing corridor. The Chinese will handle the installation, maintenance and data collection.

Some of the instruments are portable and can be readily moved either in anticipation of a large tremor or to capture the big aftershocks of an unexpected event.

Dense tropical forests face destruction

By Alastair Matheson

PAPUA NEW GUINEA (ONS): The earth's dense tropical forests, habitat of so many rare species of flora and fauna, face a grave threat from a new logging technique. Although much of the forest-belt encircling the globe on both sides of the equator is in danger, the most immediate problem is in the forests of South East Asia.

Papua New Guinea is one country where the new technique, known as 'clear felling' or less politely as 'cut-and-run,' is denuding the vast areas of luxuriant vegetation as many foreign companies exploit their concessions and fail to replant.

Other countries also suffering from the 'total logging' operations, which remove every single tree to feed the insatiable appetites of wood-chip plants, include the Philippines and parts of Malaysia and Thailand, while in South America the forests of Amazonia have also fallen victim to this technology.

The result is that not only are some very rare and valuable hardwood trees, which take about 100 years to reach full growth, ending up as wood pulp for the paper mills of Japan and elsewhere, but also the large bare patches

resembling lunar landscapes rapidly degenerate into wasteland.

Contrary to earlier opinions, tropical forests consist of very fragile ecosystems, with soil which soon loses its productivity once it is no longer nourished by humus from decaying plants and other vegetation found in the damp gloom of the typical tropical rainforest.

On a flight to the New Guinean port of Madang, one crosses the once-impenetrable Gogol Valley, where the former dense forest is now ripped into long swathes of barren wasteland as all the trees have been stripped and fed into a nearby wood chip plant, the local subsidiary of a big paper manufacturing company.

Attempts to elicit information in Madang about this (wood harvesting) industry were politely rejected by local and Australian officials. Their obvious embarrassment was due to the fact that, contrary to all the promises given when extraction of timber by clear felling began in 1971, the amount of replanted land bears no relation to what was originally agreed.

Most stretches remain bare, stripped of every vestige of vegetation by this indiscriminate process, since selecting individual trees for cutting down is considered too expensive

and time-consuming.

Papua New Guinean officials describe as frightening the rate at which giant bulldozers crawl through the dense forest, often linked to one another with huge loops of heavy chain, uprooting everything in their path.

Local people who had at first welcomed the logging project thinking it would bring roads and much development to this economically backward area, were soon disillusioned when they saw the systematic rape of the land on which they depended for a living.

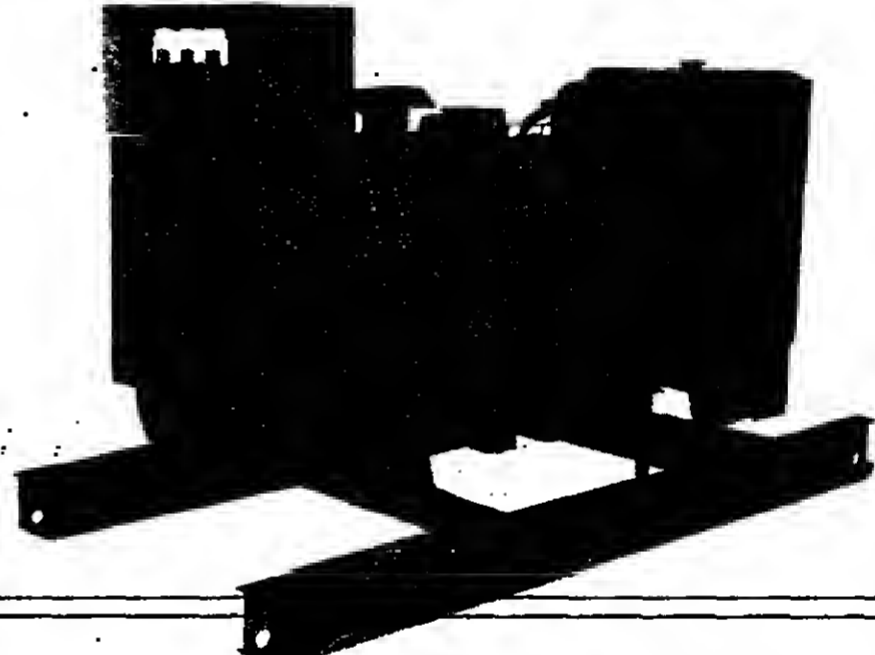
The crops they were allowed to plant on the land cleared from the forest did well at first, but since the soil ceased to be nourished from the forest cover subsequent yields became lower and lower, while the wildlife they used to trap to supplement their diet has also gone.

To make matters worse, the agreed logging rate, which would have brought about a gradual change in conditions, has been speeded up by technology. Indications now are that the entire forest concession in the Valley will have been worked out by 1984, with very few trees to replace those felled. Meanwhile, huge new concessions have been awarded to Japanese and Australian companies to extract logs by the same process.

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Vietnam calls for fresh talks

BANGKOK, Jan. 25 (AFP) — Thailand has adopted a cautious wait-and-see attitude toward a new Vietnamese call for talks aimed at reducing regional tension.

Foreign Minister Lay Maung, who visited both capitals this week, said Thach seemed "very desirous" of holding the talks as soon as possible.

Lay Maung, who leaves here Sunday night for home, said Burma, which prides itself on strict neutrality in foreign affairs, would welcome the use of Rangoon for Thai-Vietnamese talks.

New star discovered

LONDON, Jan. 25 (AP) — English amateur astronomer David Branchett has made astronomical history by spotting a Nova, an exploding star, in the milky way with only a pair of racetrack binoculars.

Branchett, a 26-year-old production worker at a cable factory near the southern England port city of Southampton, said he located the Nova last week from his bedroom window, while scanning the sky through his binoculars just before dawn.

The Royal Observatory in Greenwich, east of London, and two U.S. observatories reportedly have confirmed the Nova. The IAA said Branchett will not have the star named after him, but will get credit for it.

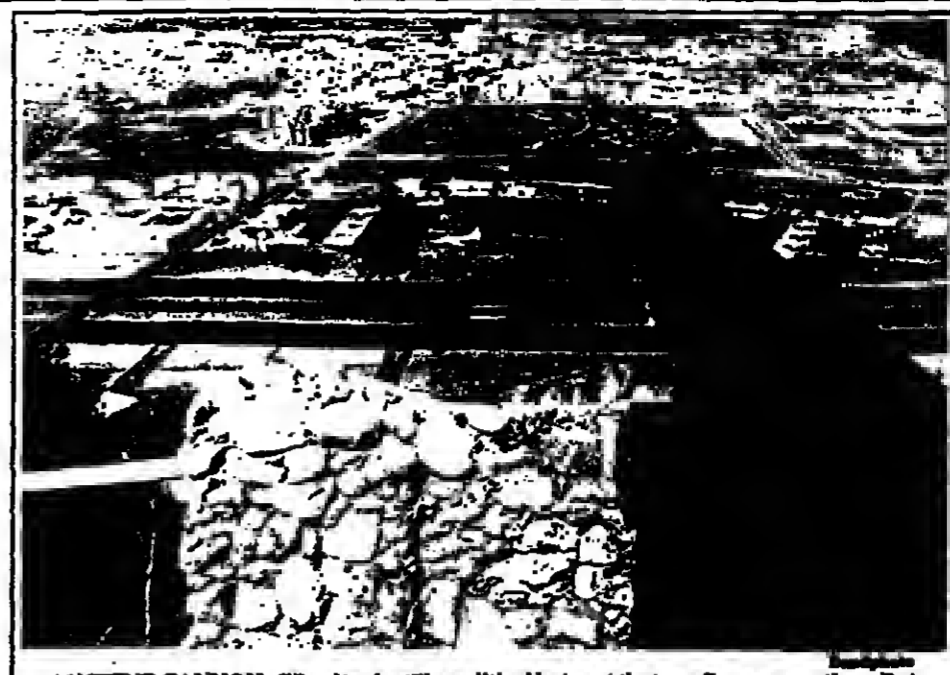
Nonaligned nations to meet in India

BELGRADE, Jan. 25 (AP) — Yugoslav officials preparing for the first major meeting of nonaligned countries after the death of Joseph Broz Tito contend the nonaligned movement — and Yugoslavia's leadership of it — have gained stature because of a decline in detente.

Yugoslav officials, however, gave Tito a hero's welcome home and contend that the country's position among nonaligned nations has not been weakened by Tito's death.

Leftwing victory leads to Labor Party split

LONDON, Jan. 25 (R) — The formation of a new social democratic party in Britain seems likely after Saturday's decision by the opposition Labor Party to give trade unions the biggest share of votes in electing its leader.



ANCIENT CANNON: Gibraltar is still a political hot spot that can flare up any time. But it is not a new problem between Britain and Spain.

Portillo gets big welcome in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25 (AP) — Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo arrived Sunday to a ceremonial welcome from Indian leaders at the start of a six-day state visit.

The presidential couple are to be guests of honor at Monday's colorful Republic Day parade which marks the 31st anniversary of the Indian Constitution.

In his reply, Portillo said, "Our first task is that of examining the present world situation to seek to harmonize our present positions. Then we must select the mechanism for expanding cooperation between our two countries."

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Kim's freedom urged

LONDON, Jan. 25 (AFP) — The Socialist International has asked for the liberation of South Korean opposition leader Kim Dae Jung whose death sentence for alleged sedition was commuted Friday to a life term.

American plans to scale Everest

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP) — Taking good-natured sibling rivalry to the top of the world, Lou Whittaker plans to try to surpass his twin brother Jim's 1963 feat of climbing Mount Everest with an attempt to scale the north face.

Spaceship launched

MOSCOW, Jan. 25 (R) — The Soviet Union Saturday launched an unmanned spaceship and indicated it would dock with the Salyut-6 orbital space station.

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fresh offensive

El Salvador junta remains in control

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 25 (Agencies) — Weeks after leftist guerrillas began what they called a final offensive in El Salvador, the ruling junta is still in power and again is enjoying U.S. military aid.

At least 1,000 guerrillas and 150 government troops are officially estimated to have been killed in the fighting which began on Jan. 10 in a series of concerted attacks on army barracks throughout the country.

The insurgents, who occupied a radio station in a bid to announce their threatened offensive, attacked over several major towns. In the city of Santa Ana, the nation's second largest city, at least 70 government troops mutinied and joined the ranks of the leftists.

Coinciding with the onslaught, self-exiled leaders of the guerrillas announced the formation of an opposition coordinating committee to travel the world in a bid to gain emotional support and recognition.

We have seen a demonstration of massive support of the people for the revolutionary struggle," said Guillermo Ungo, leader of the Revolutionary Democratic Front, which groups most of the guerrilla organizations. But his words were not backed by what sitting journalists saw or by government statements in El Salvador.

A general strike called shortly after the offensive started received little support and almost normal life in the capital continued in the rest of the country, according to officials. Five days into the offensive, the guerrillas are being pushed back into their traditional strongholds by government forces who received a boost from the U.S. Washington

1,000 families flee

Nkomo men terrorize village

SALISBURY, Jan. 25 (R) — Guerrillas loyal to minority leader Joshua Nkomo reported Sunday to have launched a reign of terror in Salisbury's restive Chitungwiza township where thousands of rival husbands are quartered.

The Sunday Mail newspaper quoted residents as saying more than 1,000 families had fled the sprawling township after guerrillas rampaged through homes assaulting Africans living there.

Visitors to the township Sunday saw scores of empty homes around the wired-off compound where Nkomo's ZIPRA (Zimbabwe Peoples Revolutionary Army) men are quartered. Police said reports of unrest were being investigated but declined to say who they believed to be responsible.

announced the resumption of \$5 million in non-lethal military aid on the same day that Ambassador Robert White in El Salvador told reporters that troops had landed from neighboring Nicaragua to help the insurgents.

In the latest series of insurgency, guerrillas attacked military patrols and set up barricades in at least two outlying neighborhoods of the capital, authorities said Saturday.

Sporadic shooting could be heard in the Malaga and Soyapango sections of San Salvador but there were no immediate reports on casualties.

Authorities said the bodies of 15 supposed leftist sympathizers were found on the streets of Santa Ana Saturday morning, the apparent victims of one of the many right-wing death squads operating here.

There were reports of heavy fighting and guerrilla takeovers of at least four towns in the northern province of Chalatenango Saturday but these could not be immediately confirmed.

The government makes constant use of the nation's radio stations to urge guerrillas to stop killing and being killed. "The usual reply, in guerrilla communiqués, is 'we won't lay down our arms until we've conquered the military-Christian democratic junta.' The government claims to offer amnesty to all insurgents who surrender and return to their homes.

Government sources said some 1,200 persons died in the fighting that followed the guerrillas all-out push to topple the U.S.-backed junta two weeks ago. They said 60 of the victims were soldiers and security force officials.

Deputy Home Affairs Minister Tarisai Ziyambi said the situation had been discussed by the Cabinet and was being given priority attention. The guerrillas were moved into townships close to Salisbury and Bulawayo from remote and inhospitable assembly camps last year as a first step to training them to be soldiers of the new national army.

Some 7,000 guerrillas are living in Chitungwiza, roughly half of them from ZIPRA and the rest from ZANLA — the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

Last November ZIPRA and ZANLA guerrillas battled for a day and a half in Bulawayo's Entumbeane township and 58 persons died, many of them civilians.



WELCOME 'DRINK': Three F-5 aircraft being refueled by a U.S. air force flying tanker for a long distance flight. Seen taking place over the Arizona desert, pilots view the operation as a welcome 'drink'.

To ward off Soviet attack U.S. command needs \$2b

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (R) — The U.S. military command and communications system might be destroyed within the first few minutes of a Soviet nuclear strike and \$2 billion is needed to protect it, according to a congressional study.

The Budget Office said the nuclear warfare command network, comprising underground and airborne command posts, space-based infrared sensors and sophisticated satellite communications, was vulnerable to attack or sabotage.

The study, released this week, may be more influential than past reports, appearing as President Ronald Reagan begins to formulate his defense budget. Many experts had concluded that the nuclear command structure was one of the weakest links in the U.S. defense system, the study said.

They were concerned by enemy jamming, radio interference caused by nuclear explosions in the atmosphere and the effect on electronic equipment of nuclear blasts.

Former President Jimmy Carter had considered spending up to \$1.5 billion on additional warning sensors and improved communications for evaluating attack information. While this was necessary under the recently-declared doctrine of flexible nuclear retaliation, it would not have been enough for the command system to last for very long during a nuclear war, according to the study.

It called for more mobile command centers and back-up systems capable of launching new satellites into orbit to replace those knocked out. The report said the vaunted rapid deployment force, set up as a partial answer to Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and elsewhere, lacked the manpower and equipment to fight Soviet forces or even armoured forces of some lesser powers.

It suggested adding up to 70,000 troops to the force and equipping it with a small but powerful tank which could be transported by air. The government could use the tanks from other countries until the U.S. started its own production, the report said.

It also conceded that to stop a Warsaw Pact attack at the German border the U.S. would have to commit five more fully-supported armoured divisions to Europe and other NATO countries would have to provide an additional six and a half divisions. This would cost the U.S. an additional \$40 billion and the plan "would depend critically on the contribution of the NATO allies."

A less costly plan would involve surrendering West German territory to gain time for troops to be rushed from the U.S. and newly-mobilised units in West Europe to enter battle. The report said that, without a buildup, NATO must rely more heavily on the risky threat of making limited use of nuclear weapons.

Grenade kills children

MANILA, Jan. 25 (AP) — A hand grenade found by a group of children gathering firewood exploded in their hands, killing seven of them and wounding four others, military authorities said Saturday.

NATO chief plans trip to Greece

ATHENS, Jan. 25 (R) — The supreme commander of NATO, U.S. Gen. Bernard Rogers, will visit Greece from Feb. 10 to 12, a government spokesman said Saturday.

The visit is the first to Athens by a leader of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization since Greece returned to the alliance's military structure last October.

The spokesman said Gen. Rogers would have talks with Prime Minister George Rallis, Defense Minister Evangelos Averoff-Tostitsas and Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis on Greece's position in the alliance and its disputes with Turkey. Greece and the United States are to open talks Tuesday on the future of U.S. military bases in Greece operating under the NATO umbrella.

Greece withdrew from NATO's military wing in August 1974 because it considered the alliance incapable of removing the threat of war between itself and another NATO member, Turkey, which resulted from the Turkish invasion of Cyprus that summer.

Four American defense experts are already in Greece for the talks on a new agreement ensuring the continuing operation of the four major U.S. bases and several minor installations there and defining how much American military aid will be given in return.

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The ceremony was attended by prominent personalities in the field of training from the Main Labour Office in Western Region, vocational training centres in Jeddah and Medina and the Technical Industrial Institute of Jeddah, King Abdul Aziz University and representatives from the Japanese Embassy.

Industrial Development

In his inaugural speech Mr. Amin Hani delivered a speech on behalf of SIRAJ H. ZAHRAN, welcoming honourable guests and indicated the importance of Saudi manpower training, specially the younger generation to help them acquire advanced skills in line with the prevailing industrial development in the Kingdom.

He said that SIRAJ H. ZAHRAN & CO. has taken a pioneering role during the last two years by holding two training courses at its Headquarter in Jeddah, instead of

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He added, "Upto date more than 100 candidates have joined and completed successfully two training courses held during the last two years. We had also decided not to train only our employees but to give training facilities to other Establishments sharing in the development of the Kingdom.

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Sheikh Mohammed Ali Al-Thakafy, Assistant Director General Western Region Labour Main Office participated in the ceremony and in his speech he appreciated the cooperation between ZAHRAN, NISSAN and the A.O.T.S. for organizing the training course. He added that such training sessions are no doubt good opportunities for younger Saudi generation to raise their technical standards.

Training Co-operation with Hundred Countries

Mr. Shon Katshim, the Representative of the Association of Overseas Technical Scholarship in his speech gave a history of the Association as far as technical cooperation amongst developing countries is concerned since 1959. He mentioned more than 100 countries in this respect. As far as Saudi Arabian Kingdom is concerned, this is the third course. More than 150 mecha-

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At the end of the ceremony the Manager Export Services of Nissan Motor Co. Ltd., delivered a comprehensive speech and mentioned that this training course is being sponsored by AOTS and conducted by Nissan Co. in co-operation with SIRAJ H. ZAHRAN CO. which has generally supported their efforts in the various stages of such training programmes.

He emphasized that the subject of this third training course in Jeddah is basically concerned with automobile chassis maintenance and instruction is divided into two parts namely structure and function of each chassis unit and practice in inspection and adjustment.



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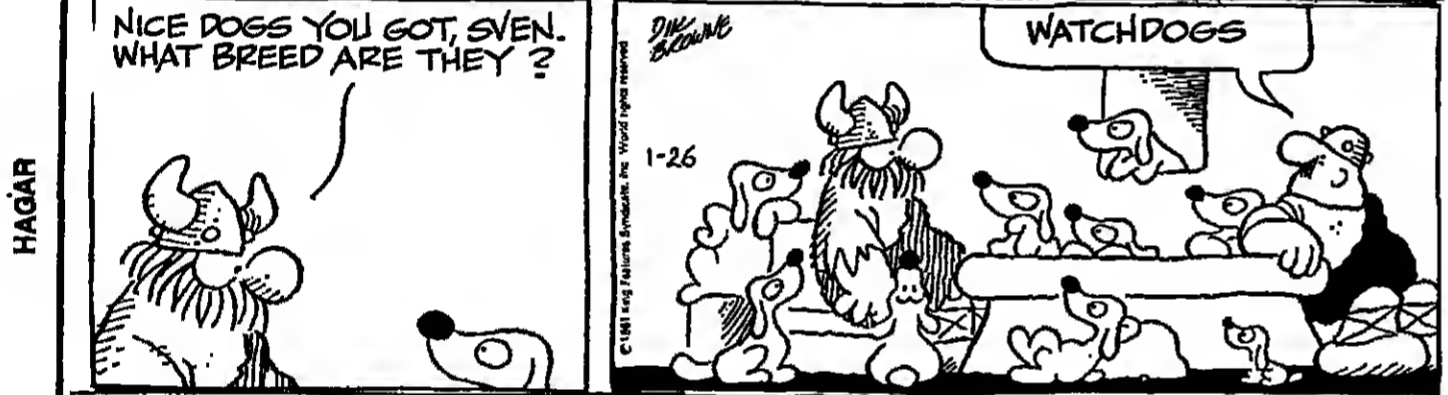
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The bidding: South West North East 1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠ Dble. Opening lead - nine of diamonds. Most players regard bidding and play as separate and distinct processes of the game, but it can be argued that bidding is a form of mental play.

Your Individual Horoscope Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1981. What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) If you rise in a depressed mood, you'll feel better later on, when you realize that you are loved, appreciated, and admired.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH. ACROSS: 43 Valley, 1 Radar sound, 5 Jalopy, 10 Knowledge, 11 Hale, 13 Caucasian, 14 Unwilling, 15 Ultimate, 16 Night before, 17 Gazzara, 18 Visionary, 20 Hoopie, 21 "... schemes of mice and..."

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Arab News Calendar

Table with columns for DHAHRAN TV, SAUDI RADIO, VOA, P.M., VOA WORLD REPORT, PHARMACIES, JEDDAH, and BBC. Lists various programs and their times.

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Emotional send-off

Ex-hostages heading for home

SHANNON, Ireland, Jan. 25 (AP) — Exuberant and tearful, the 52 former hostages flew home to the United States Sunday aboard a jetliner called "Freedom One."

after a 109-minute stopover at Shannon international airport en route from Rhein-Main U.S. air base in West Germany.

sign hearing the yellow ribbons that became the symbol of America's 444-day vigil.

Iraq reports heavy fighting

BEIRUT, Jan. 25 (R) — Iraq has reported heavy fighting near its northern border and said 135 Iranian soldiers were killed.

Their flight time was estimated at six and a half hours from Shannon to Andrews air force base, where the former hostages will be united with their families and have a few days of privacy at the nearby U.S. military academy at West Point.

The trip home began early Sunday when the former captives boarded two buses at a nearby U.S. air force hospital, where they had been resting and undergoing tests since Wednesday.

A high command communique quoted by the official Iraqi news agency said Saturday another 34 Iranians were killed in Iran's western Kermanshah province and the southern oil-producing province, Khuzistan.

Earlier, the Americans, some of them wiping back tears from an emotional send-off, left a cheering crowd of well-wishers at the Rhein-Main airfield at 10:58 a.m. local time.

Hospital workers hung signs reading "There's no place like home" and "God bless you" from the three-story medical complex.

It said a total of 28 Iraqis had died on all fronts in the past 24 hours.

"I'm feeling a great joy, a great pride, pride in our friends in Europe and our great pride in the American people for supporting us," Bruce Laingen, 57, the senior diplomat among the former hostages, told reporters before boarding the plane in Germany. "Our families are waiting for us, and that's the finest part of this three-stage flight to freedom. I'm overjoyed."

Most of the hostages were smiling broadly, waving at the crowd, and shaking hands with hospital staff and military officials as they walked to the buses. Ex-hostage Jerry Plotkin, 37, yelled from open door to a German television crew: "You people have been beautiful to us. We love you."

The heaviest fighting occurred on the northern border facing Halbaja where clashes have been reported over the past few days, the communique said.

Returning from Wiesbaden Sunday, many of the ex-hostages laughed and waved to the crowd of some 2,000 people who turned out despite the chill to see them off.

During interviews some former hostages said they were not mistreated physically but suffered mental abuse at the hands of the Iranians. Others tell of beatings, death threats, weeks in blindfolds and months in darkness.

An Iranian force tried to "interfere" with Iraqi positions and was forced to retreat, with losses of 113 dead. Another 22 Iranians were killed when Iraqi forces shelled a group of Iranians in the same area, it added.

Military bands struck up "Tie a Yellow Ribbon," as two blue buses carrying the former captives pulled up to the silver VC-137 jetliner that would carry them home.

"I sometimes thought I would never see the sun rise again," said Clair Courtland Barnes, a 35-year-old. "When I wasn't forced to death I was scared stiff," Barnes told fellow patriots in a session openly recorded on tape.

After Polish protest Parties agree for talks

WARSAW, Jan. 25 (R) — The Polish government and the free trade union Solidarity appeared Sunday ready to negotiate after three days of labor protests in which more than five million workers staged walkouts or stayed at home. The protest culminated in widespread disruption of industry Saturday as workers throughout the country responded to a call by Solidarity to take the day off.

Some of the freed captives said they harbor no hatred of Iranians. "The Iranians are a fine people. The tragedy of the thing is that this group did what it did and distorted people's ideas," said embassy Political Officer John W. Lambert of Washington.

They're a people of talent, ability, great kindness, great hospitality. That's what I thought before. I still think so."

Attention remained focussed Sunday on the free Saturday issue which has turned into a major battle between the Communist authorities and the eastern bloc's first and only free trade union movement. Solidarity called the boycott, the second this year, to back its campaign for a 40-hour working week and to demonstrate its anger at what it sees as attempts by the government to stall and go back on promises made to strikers last summer. The government, arguing that Poland cannot afford the immediate introduction of a five-day week, has ordered Poles to work on alternate Saturdays.

While in Washington, President Ronald Reagan has invited ambassadors from five countries to the reception Tuesday in honor of the former hostages — only the countries which acknowledged helping to free them. They are Britain, Algeria, Switzerland, Canada and West Germany.

China rushes relief to quake-hit area

PEKING, Jan. 25 (R) — Relief supplies were being rushed Sunday to a remote area of southeastern China where more than 150 people died and at least 300 were injured in a strong earthquake, Chinese officials said.

Solidarity offered a compromise before the

An official commentary on state television Saturday night said the attendance figures demonstrated the government was not able to induce everybody to work, and that Solidarity was not capable of keeping everyone at home.

The earthquake Saturday measured 6.9 on the Richter scale and was centered about 280 km west of Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province. The New China News Agency said total casualties and damage were not yet known because of the breakdown in communications.

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Millionaires dominate Reagan team

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP) — Millionaires dominate U.S. President Ronald Reagan's cabinet, according to financial disclosure reports examined Saturday. At least 10 of the 17 cabinet-level officials have a net worth of more than \$1 million with one — special trade representative Bill Brock — ranging to \$10 million or more.

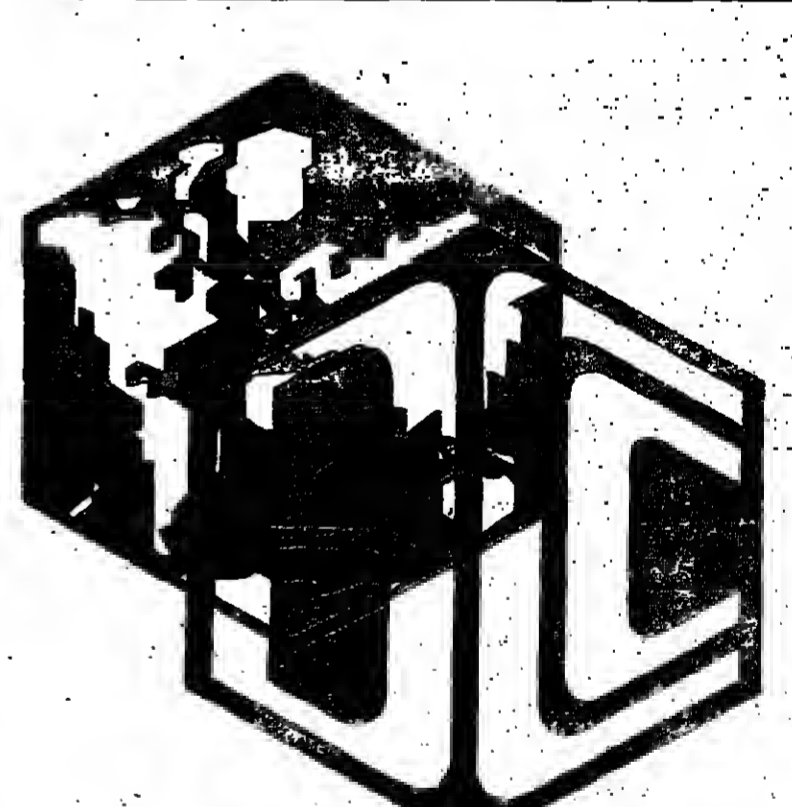
state, listed a net worth of \$1.7 million to \$2.1 million primarily in salary and bonuses from his former employer.

urban development, reported a net worth of between \$1 million and \$2 million based on income of between \$322,000 and \$381,000 and property assets of \$854,000 to at least \$1.6 million.

Only four — U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, Education Secretary Terrel Bell, Interior Secretary James Watt and Budget Director David Stockman — give their net worths as under \$500,000.

The cabinet members listed their assets and liabilities with the Office of Government Ethics as required by the 1978 Ethics in Government Act.

Three other cabinet members, Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, Energy Secretary James B. Edwards and Health and Human Services Secretary Richard Schweiker, could be considered millionaires if the upper estimates of their net worth — rather than the lower — are closer to their real-estate standing.



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